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Jane Henney, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket # 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Ms. Henney,

As the mother of a child fighting leukemia, I am very concerned about the quality of food she eats. I am especially concerned about genetically engineered food. Once GE seeds are released in nature, we can never take them back. The list of risks includes

- o Loss of biodiversity as only a few varieties of crops are used extensively;
- o Genetic "drift" as pollen of altered plants mingles with traditional varieties;
- o Increased allergies and other potential health problems;
- o Greater reliance on the chemicals required for GE crops;
- o Control of the world's seeds through patents owned by a few corporations.

We must require great caution in the development of GE foods, including:

- **Corporate accountability** to consumers and public regulation
- **Pretesting** - no new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients should be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before they go to market.
- **Labeling** of new products - all GE food presently on the market should be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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